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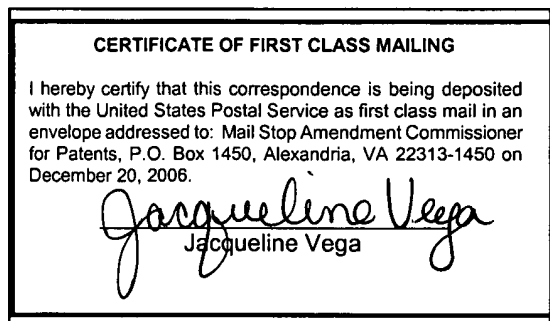
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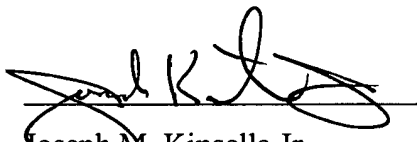
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PUBLICATION NO.	PUBLICATION DATE	BASIS FOR RELEVANCE
DE 693 16 260 T2	August 27, 1998	Corresponds with EP 0 568 822 B1
DE 101 42 125 A1	March 20, 2003	A method for air-conditioning and water supply in which the current, water, and heat are produced simultaneously the electrochemical way via a fuel-cell according to demand. A reaction product, i.e. pure water, which can be directly used as rinsing/washing water or as drinking water after addition of electrolytes/minerals and/or for humidifying the cabin-and/or cockpit-air. Fuels based on hydrogen or hydrocarbon (e.g. methane, methanol, kerosene etc) can be used.
DE 102 42 155 A1	March 25, 2004	The hair dryer has a catalytic heating element (5) supplied with liquid fuel and a fan (7) for producing a

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flow of the heated air (2). The device has a fuel cell (8) that supplies the fan with electric energy and a reservoir (10) for liquid fuel connected via a valve (11) to the fuel cell and heating element for common supply with the liquid fuel.

DE 44 42 859 A1

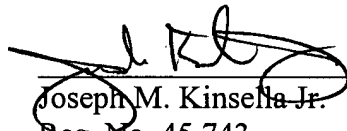
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The method involves direct or parallel switching of a steam boiler plant, a thermal oil boiler plant, an organic fluid evaporation plant, and a hot gas heat exchanger plant, with the flue gas or hot gas flow, which is generated in commercial drying installations for water evaporation purposes. The mentioned plant generate a part energy flow, and this is used for electricity generation. To achieve a high degree of utilization (90-95%) of the generated thermal energy, the cooled flue or hot gases are further used as direct or indirect drying energy in conventional dryers.

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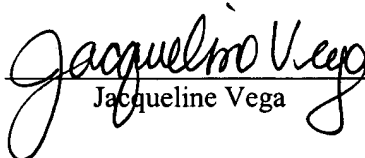
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